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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 17079

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SEATO

SUBJECT: DISSOLUTION OF SEATO

REF: BANGKOK 16965

1. FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN TOLD ME TODAY THAT HE HAD REVIEWED THE PHASING OUT OF SEATO WITH THE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENTS DURING HIS RECENT TRIP AND HAD REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THEM THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED AT THE COUNCIL REPS MEETING ON AUGUST 20, TO COME UP WITH A PLAN WHICH THE SEATO MINISTERIAL COUNCIL COULD CONSIDER ON SEPTEMBER 24TH IN NEW YORK.

2. CHATCHAI SAID THAT THE PHASE-OUT SHOULD BE EXTENDED OVER A TWO OR THREE-YEAR PERIOD. PERHAPS IT SHOULD COINCIDE WITH THE TERM OF THE PRESENT SECRETARY GENERAL (TWO YEARS).

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3. SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT UNDER SEATO NOTABLY THE MEDICAL LABORATORY AND THE COUNTER-INSURGENCY LIBRARY WERE VERY USEFUL AND SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO SOME OTHER ENTITY.

4. I REPEATED THE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION THAT THE U.S. WOULD BE GUIDED BY THE VIEWS OF THE ASIAN MEMBERS (STATE 179278) AND SAID THAT I WOULD REQUEST URGENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE AUGUST 20 COUNCIL REPS MEETING.

5. PLEASE REPLY BY IMMEDIATE CABLE. WE RECOMMEND THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO CONCUR IN THE THAI POSITION.  
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